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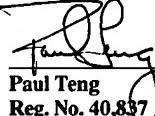
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 in response to the final Office Action dated October 9, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** section which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.